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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION  
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the non-provisional utility patent application entitled:

**METHOD FOR EVALUATING STERILIZATION PROCEDURES  
USING A BIOLOGICAL INDICATOR**

which is:

an  Original; or

a  Continuation,  Divisional, or  Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior U.S. Patent Application No. 10/091,742 filed March 4, 2002, which in turn is a continuation-in-part claiming priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/563,707, filed May 5, 2000 (now abandoned), which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/132,186 filed May 3, 1999.

Anticipated Group/Art Unit: 1623.

This non-provisional patent application is based on Provisional Patent Application No.

Enclosed are:

- Specification (including Abstract) and claims: 62 pages.
- 25 sheets of drawings (formal).
- Application Data Sheet.
- Newly executed/unexecuted Declaration (original/copy).
- Copy of Declaration from prior application.
- Separate Power of Attorney (including 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, if applicable).
- Microfiche computer program (Appendix).
- Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission, including:
- Computer readable copy       Paper Copy       Verified Statement.
- Under PTO-1595 Cover Sheet, an assignment of the invention
- Name of Assignee: ICF Technologies, Inc.

Certified copy(ies) of Application No(s). is/are filed:  
 herewith      or       in prior application.

Applicant(s), by its/their undersigned attorney, claim(s) Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 as  an Independent Inventor, or  a Small Business Concern, or  a Non-Profit Organization.

Preliminary Amendment.

Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08A, and seven non-patent cited references.

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